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Alex is hiding out during a New Year's Eve party; she's hiding from her well-meaning friends, who are always playing matchmaker. But after a dismal engagement, Alex isn't sure she wants to be matched up with anyone.

Michael's friends are always fixing him up as well, and after several unfortunate dates, not only is he a little gun-shy, he's also earned a reputation as a 'love 'em and leave 'em' kind of guy. But if the truth were told, Michael would happily settle down...if only his friends would match him up with the right woman!

## A New Year's Surprise Details

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## **From Reader Review A New Year's Surprise for online ebook**

### **Terri says**

My kind of story, concise, well developed, great ending...

Have you ever had a friend set you up on a blind date, or tell you they know the perfect person for you? Then you will understand WHY the characters in this story decided to hide out when friends tried to set them up with dates. This is another really cute story from Lisa. I loved the irony that the friends finally got one right. Lisa was able to develop her characters and story in a short, concise manner. Well done!

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### **Yvonne says**

Alex is doing her best to avoid her friend's well intentioned matchmaking plans. After suffering from a bad breakup, all she wants to do is enjoy the New Year's Eve party without being paired up with a guy.

Michael is going through the same problem. He's at the same party and his friend is trying to arrange a blind date, too. Michael has already experienced his fair share of blind dates and they've been disasters. Somehow he has been given the reputation of a guy who likes many different women, but that's far from the truth. All Michael wants is to find the right woman and have a family.

This is an extremely short story that can definitely be read in one sitting. It's cute and very sweet. It's a clean romance. Because of the length of the book, there is no time to really delve into the development of the characters. I would have liked to read a longer version of this, but these are characters the readers will care about even for a short period of time. The book was over before I knew it. It's a nice holiday read.

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### **Christine says**

It was only 25 pages but well-written and a great read.

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### **Martha says**

This was a very short but very cute book about meeting someone and finding out they are "Mr./Mrs. Right." Quick, good read for a free book. Enjoyed it!

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### **Crystal Yawn says**

If you like long, well described romances, this book is not for you. But if you are liking for a short, clean cute read, this is it. Lisa Crane has a quirky way of getting characters together in all her books that i simply

enjoy.

Alex and Michael's story is no different. Meeting each other while hiding from meddling friends they learn they have several things in common including faith.

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### **Cyndi says**

A sweet, clean romance. The characters, Alex and Michael meet at a New Year's Eve party while trying to avoid meeting the fix ups their well meaning friends want them to meet.

A cute little story with a fun romance.

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### **Ewa says**

Good. Sweet. Nice. Clean.

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### **Nancy says**

Cute little book about finding Mr. Right. Friends have tried to set Michael up with all kinds of girls but they never seem to get it right. Alex's friends have also tried to set her up with their male friends but it was never a good match. Michael and Alex meet out on a balcony at a New Year's Eve party where they are both trying to avoid another set up by their respective friends.

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### **Christine Barber says**

This was a cute short story. The characters were not all that developed since it was very short. Knowing more about the character's pasts and feelings would have made the story better. I didn't find the story had any conflict. If something dramatic would have happened to move the story along, it would have made it better in my mind. Still, the story was likeable and I still enjoyed reading it.

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### **Nancy H says**

A very short romance, this story is just right for a quick pick-me-up when you want something light with a happy ending.

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### **Brenda says**

Cute, short story about finally finding Mr. Right:)

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**Dena says**

Ahh I love these Christian religious books. They are so light hearted and very emotional. I like the communication part and the fact they started the new year together. How romantic?

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**Lorralei Umbrell-hoerner says**

Cute short story :)

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**Katie W says**

A super short novella about a man and woman who meet at a New Year's party, while trying to avoid being set up by friends. I know it was short and sweet (clean), but I would have liked to see it developed a bit more.

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**Erica says**

The story itself is cute. Alex and Michael have a history of failed blind dates behind them, thanks to their friends who are hoping to finally see them happy and settled. On New Year's Eve they finally meet a party and something special starts growing between them. As I mentioned, it's cute but by being this short it lacked depth and I honestly didn't have a chance to get close to the protagonists. It was with some sort of detachment that I watched their relationship develop (quite hastily obviously).

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